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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Psychological Strategy Board

THU : Assistant Director, Office of Plans and Policy

1. The Weapons Information Guidance Committee has completed its work, as prescribed in the Terms of Reference, 31 January 1952, subject, "Terms of Reference for PSB Weapons Information Guidance Committee. (Panel 'D')." ."

2. Forwarded herewith are the following papers, which were prepared by the committee:

- a. Draft Memorandum for: Executive Secretary, National Security Council (Tab "A")
- b. Draft prototype covering Presidential Letter (Tab "B")
- c. Draft enclosure to Presidential Letter, "Memorandum on Public Statements With Respect to Certain American Weapons." (Tab "C").

3. In addition to preparing the above papers, the committee also inquired into the desirability of creating new clearance machinery for the subject statements. The committee concluded that existing procedures are adequate, and that the establishment of new machinery at the NSC or PSB level would be improper, inasmuch as neither agency is designed to deal with day-to-day matters of operational detail.

However, the committee recommended that it remain subject to call of the chairman for periodic revision of its guidances for public statements with respect to these certain American weapons.

4. The committee examined a list of specific "do's" and "don'ts", as a possible enclosure to the memorandum at Tab C. The committee concluded that such a list would not be suitable, inasmuch as conditions vary too much to justify establishing a set of general principles.

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5. The committee recommends that when PSB has approved Tab "C" and noted Tab "B", the memorandum attached at Tab "A" be transmitted to the Executive Secretary, NSC for action. Informal advice from the NSC secretariat indicates that if the memorandum has already received the approval of PSB, plus that of the other interested departments (in this instance the Atomic Energy Commission and the Federal Civil Defense Administration), the memorandum can be put before a meeting of the NSC without requiring reference to the Senior NSC staff or other NSC staff machinery.

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